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Dear City Officials,

The Hollywoodland Homeowners Association (HHA) is the organization which represents solely the hillside community known as "Hollywoodland" (Tract 6450) and its 580 homeowners. Hollywoodland, in close proximity to the Hollywood Sign, sits as a peninsula into Griffith Park, 80% surrounded by park wildland and dry brush. This parkland has been an integral part of our community since its inception in 1923. Care and protection of the open space through the Park Rangers is essential for the city, environment, our homes and the land. Because of our extremely unique location and vulnerability, we have an extraordinarily close, daily relationship with the Los Angeles City Park Rangers. We value them, the important work that they do and consider them to be outstanding representatives of City government at its best. This is precisely why we are advocating the LAMC be changed so Rangers be allowed to carry firearms.

On March 10th at our monthly Hollywoodland Homeowners Association meeting the following motion was unanimously passed.

"The Los Angeles City Park Rangers and their representative unit of Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association (LAAPOA) are seeking an endorsement from the Hollywoodland Homeowner's Association in the form of a Community Impact Statement. Los Angeles City Park Rangers are recognized as full Peace Officers within the California Penal Code 830.31b, but are currently restricted from carrying firearms based on the current language used in LAMC 63.41. There is now a motion with the Los Angeles City Council that discusses amending the wording of Los Angeles Municipal Code 63.41 to include that the Los Angeles City Park Rangers be able to carry a firearm on duty. In the interest of public safety the HHA strongly supports this change that will enable rangers to better protect themselves and the public."

We urge you to support the Los Angele City Park Rangers in their desire to carry fire arms while on duty.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sarajane Schwartz Safety Committee Chair Hollywoodland Homeowners Association